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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to you to affirm my support of the pending merger of Cingular Wireless and AT&T Wireless. In the telecommunications industry, wireless communication is one of the most significant growth drivers. Tennesseans are fully interested in better coverage, improved reliability, and enhanced call quality.

As a member of the Tennessee House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, I receive yearly updates from the Department of Commerce and Insurance/Tennessee Emergency Communication Division regarding the progress of E 9-1-1 deployment and the status of that account. Tennessee was an early leader in establishing and funding state coordination of wireless 911 deployment, and now benefits from broad deployment of Phase I and Phase II services.

I believe the capabilities of each company to implement and improve the afore mentioned services will be strengthened by their merger.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this issue. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Tre' Hargett  
Republican Leader  
Tennessee House of Representatives, District 97

*"Above all, I would like to ring true."*

- G. K. Chesterton